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In re Application of KOSMALA et al :
U.S. Application No.: 10/531,828 :
PCT Application No.: PCT/GB2003/004764 : DECISION
Int. Filing Date: 04 November 2003 :
Priority Date Claimed: 15 November 2002 :
Attorney Docket No.: 103.0003US/PCT :
For: OPTIMIZING WELL SYSTEM MODELS :

This is in response to applicant's "Petition for Revival of an International Application for Patent Designating the U.S. Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)" filed 11 September 2006.

BACKGROUND

On 04 November 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/GB2003/004764, which claimed priority of an earlier United Kingdom application filed 15 November 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 03 June 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 15 May 2005.

On 18 April 2005, applicant filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 02 November 2005, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/905), which indicated that an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497 must be filed.

International application PCT/GB2003/004764 became abandoned as to the United States for failure to timely respond to the Notification of Missing Requirements.

On 11 September 2006, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

DISCUSSION

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting that an application be revived on the grounds of unintentional abandonment must be accompanied by: (1) the required reply unless previously filed, (2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m), (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition was unintentional, and (4) a terminal disclaimer if the application was filed before 08 June 1995.

With regard to item (1), applicant has provided the required reply under 35 U.S.C. 371.

With regard to item (2), applicant has provided the required petition fee.

With regard to item (3), applicant has provided the required statement.

With regard to item (4), because the international application was filed after 08 June 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is GRANTED.

The application has an International Filing Date under 35 U.S.C. 363 of 04 November 2003, and a date under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(4) of 11 September 2006.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision.



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